

Amendments to the Specification of Publication No. US2006/0243391 A1:

Please replace the paragraph [0033] beginning at page 3, column 2, with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0033] Regulators 31a, 31b, 31c and [[3 id]] 31d are connected to a pressure port Pa and a return port Pb of the first air cylinder 19A and a pressure port Pa and a return port Pb of the second air cylinder 19B through control valves 32a, 32b, 32c and 32d respectively. Further, the regulators 31a, 31b, 31c and 31d are connected to an air pressure source 33. When the control valves 32a, 32b, 32c and 32d are controlled by the control portion 30, air pressure supply to the pressure ports Pa and the return ports Pb of the first air cylinder 19A and the second air cylinder 19B are controlled.

Please replace the paragraph [0036] beginning at page 4, column 1, with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0036] As shown in Fig. 3, in the state where the elevating rod 18A and the elevating rod 18B engage with the engagement member 17 so that their lower limit positions are regulated, distances D1 and D2 from the pressure bonding surfaces of the pressure bonding tool 21A and the pressure bonding tool 21B to the pressure bonding level L1 are set so that the distance D2 is longer. Here, the pressure bonding level L1 is a height level of the upper surface of each substrate 7 in the state where the lower surface thereof is supported on the upper surface of the lower guard member 22. That is, this embodiment has a mode in which the height positions of the pressure bonding surfaces of the pressure bonding tools are made different from each other in the state where the lower limit positions of a plurality of elevating portions are regulated by the descending limit position regulating member. Here, as for the setting of the distances D1 and D2, the sizes

of the elevating rod 18A and the elevating rod 18B are set (see Fig. 6) so that D2-D1 becomes larger than the aforementioned substrate retention level difference $[[AH]] \Delta H$ (see Fig. 2).